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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. J D Horrocks
Newfield Exploration Company
Route 3, Box 3630
Myton, UT 84052

Re: Underground Injection Control (UIC)
Notice of Violation:
Loss of Mechanical Integrity/Failure to Report Loss of Mechanical Integrity
Federal 32-22-8-17 Well
EPA Permit ID# UT22197-04479
API # 43-013-31586
Canvasback Oil Field
Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Horrocks:

On January 13, 2015, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) learned that the Newfield Exploration Company injection well referenced above failed a mechanical integrity test on November 7, 2014. Pursuant to the above-referenced UIC Permit and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations Section 144.51(q)(1) (40 C.F.R. § 144.51(q)(1)), you must establish and maintain mechanical integrity. A loss of mechanical integrity is a violation of this requirement.

The EPA has been informed that you have ceased injection into the well and have initiated repairs, pursuant to the above-referenced UIC Permit and the regulations at 40 C.F.R. § 144.51(q)(2). Before injection may resume, you must demonstrate that the well has mechanical integrity by passing a mechanical integrity test (MIT). You must also receive written authorization from the EPA.

Additionally, Newfield failed to notify the EPA of the loss of mechanical integrity within 24 hours pursuant to Part II (5) of the above referenced permit. Failure to properly notify the EPA is a violation of the permit. The EPA learned of the mechanical integrity loss when Newfield notified the EPA on January 13, 2015, that the repairs may take longer than ninety (90) days to complete.

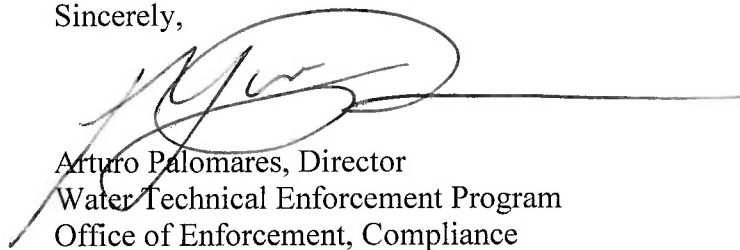
You have notified the EPA describing the action you intend to take regarding the well, which includes a possible reconfiguration of the injection tubing, and that it may take longer than the ninety (90) days that the EPA requires for such repairs. You will be given an additional thirty (30) days to return this well to compliance.

If you choose to plug and abandon this well, the approved plugging and abandonment plan that is incorporated into the permit must be followed. Any deviation from that plan must be submitted to the EPA for approval prior to the plugging operation.

Failure to comply with the UIC regulations found at 40 C.F.R. Parts 144 through 148 constitutes one or more violations of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300h. Such non-compliance may subject you to formal enforcement by the EPA, as codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 22.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, you may contact Don Breffle at (303) 312-6198. Please direct all correspondence to the attention of Don Breffle at Mail Code 8ENF-UFO.

Sincerely,



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